

The OPPTS International Toolbox: A Directory of Methods and Models

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The OPPTS International Toolbox is a directory of chemical assessment and pollution prevention tools developed for regulatory officials and risk managers around the world. The Toolbox allows easy access to over 50 models, databases, and software developed to facilitate chemical safety and pollution prevention. The tools were developed by scientists and engineers in EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances to better assess and manage risks to human health and the environment, as well as to prevent pollution. Those methods and models that are adaptable to a broad range of cultures and ecosystems were selected for the Toolbox. The Toolbox is organized into "drawers" that relate to different subject areas, to allow users with different interests to locate tools quickly. The drawers include: Partnerships for Sustainable Development; Regulatory Activities; Information by Chemical Class; and Chemical Models and Databases. Tools can also be accessed by "Locations and Settings," i.e., In and around the home; In the community; In the workplace; and On the farm. Each of the tools is linked to a specific EPA Web page for further information and/or downloading. A number of complementary CDs will be distributed at the poster.